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Examiner	:	Le, Tan	
Serial No.	:	09/990,013	Docket No.: CRE-05-1234R
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Inventors	:	James E. Johanson, et al.	Confirmation No.: 2419
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			Dated: December 22, 2006

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Response to Final Office Action

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A response to the outstanding official action in the above-identified application is enclosed.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- ☐ This is a Petition for an Extension of Time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render this submission timely.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE			No month(s)		\$0.00		\$0.00	
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TOTAL EXTENSION FEE DUE					\$0.00		\$0.00	
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006. This Action sets a three month shortened statutory period for response. This response is being filed within this time period. Therefore, no extension fees are required.

Amendments to the application begin on page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.

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